

REMARKS

In view of the amendments proposed above, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 1-42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants have amended each of independent claims 1, 8, 18, 22, 29, and 39, as suggested by the Examiner. Also, in regards to independent claims 15 and 36, Applicants disagree that these claims are directed to non-statutory subject matter, as limitations recited in each of the claims arrive at a tangible result.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that claims 1-42 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request allowance of such claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

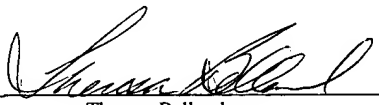
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